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VEGETABLES ANNUAL SUMMARY

ARIZONA

Arizona harvested 75,300 acres of lettuce in 2018, down less than 1 percent from the 75,800 acres harvested in 2017, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Of that, 38,600 acres was head lettuce, 9,800 acres were leaf lettuce, and 26,900 acres were Romaine lettuce. The state produced 23,195 hundredweight (cwt) of lettuce in 2018, with a value of utilized onion production of \$891.5 million in 2018, down from \$1.218 billion in 2017.

COLORADO

Colorado harvested 2,600 acres of onions in 2018, down 28 percent from 3,600 acres harvested in 2017, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The state produced 1.17 million hundredweight (cwt) of onions in 2018, a decrease of 29 percent from the 1.66 million cwt produced in 2017. The value of utilized onion production decreased to \$27.26 million in 2018, from \$39.41 million in 2017.

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico harvested 7,900 acres of chile peppers in 2018, up 4 percent from 7,600 acres harvested in 2017, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The state produced 1.42 million hundredweight (cwt) of chile peppers in 2018, an increase of 13 percent from the 1.25 million cwt produced in 2017. The value of utilized onion production increased to \$53.77 million in 2018, from \$44.55 million in 2017.

Vegetables for Fresh Market and Processing: Arizona, Colorado & New Mexico, 2017 - 2018

	Harvested Acres		Utilized Production (1,000 cwt)	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
Arizona				
Broccoli	9,600	10,900	1,344	1,308
Cabbage	3,300	3,300	1,667	1,650
Cantaloupes	15,700	16,300	3,533	3,749
Cauliflower	5,700	6,100	1,055	1,159
Lettuce, Head	39,200	38,600	12,348	11,966
Lettuce, Leaf	9,400	9,800	2,115	2,352
Lettuce, Romaine	27,200	26,900	9,248	8,877
Peppers, Chile	1,200	1,100	78	66
Spinach	12,200	11,100	1,830	1,887
Watermelons	3,500	(D)	1,803	(D)
Colorado				
Onions	3,600	2,600	1,656	1,170
New Mexico				
Onions	7,100	6,500	4,828	3,575
Peppers, Chile	7,600	7,900	1,254	1,422

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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UNITED STATES

In 2018, the Nation's production for the 26 estimated vegetable and melon crops totaled 753 million cwt, 1 percent below the final 754 million cwt estimated in 2017. The utilized production totaled 747 million cwt, 1 percent below 2017. Area harvested in 2018 was 2.50 million acres, a 3 percent reduction from the previous year. In 2018, the top three vegetables, in terms of area harvested, were sweet corn, tomatoes, and snap beans. In terms of total production, the three largest crops were tomatoes, sweet corn, and onions, which combined accounted for 56 percent of the all vegetables total.

The value of utilized production for 2018 vegetable crops was \$12.9 billion, down 12 percent from the previous year. Tomatoes, head lettuce, and romaine lettuce claimed the highest values, accounting for 31 percent of the total value of production when combined. For the 26 selected vegetables and melons estimated in 2018, California continued to be the leading State in terms of area harvested, utilized production, and value of production.

Vegetables for Fresh Market and Processing: United States, 2017 - 2018

United States	Harvested Acres		Utilized Production (1,000 cwt)	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
Broccoli	128,600	113,900	20,384	17,273
Cabbage	60,600	54,200	23,795	19,316
Cantaloupes	63,250	60,700	15,392	14,603
Cauliflower	45,800	43,900	9,050	9,278
Lettuce, Head	140,700	120,300	49,396	40,561
Lettuce, Leaf	67,200	69,300	13,675	11,277
Lettuce, Romaine	117,400	99,600	36,308	29,029
Onions	151,500	130,200	80,561	70,886
Peppers, Chile	16,000	14,200	3,336	2,665
Spinach	64,730	61,450	8,091	8,481
Watermelons	107,800	111,400	40,286	38,849

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